

Regulatory and Strategic Framework for Mobile Fuel Delivery

What to confirm before you launch a mobile fueling business

Licensing and Permits

Mobile fuel delivery is regulated at the state and sometimes local level. Requirements typically cover business licensing, fuel transport permits, and any state-specific propane or petroleum dealer licensing. Confirm requirements with your state fire marshal, department of agriculture, or equivalent regulatory body before operating.

Vehicle and Driver Requirements

- Confirm whether your vehicle and cargo weight require a commercial driver's license (CDL) or hazmat endorsement.
- Confirm DOT registration and inspection requirements applicable to your vehicle class.
- Maintain proper placarding and shipping documentation for the fuel types you transport.

Insurance

Mobile fuel delivery businesses typically carry commercial auto, general liability, and pollution/environmental liability coverage. Work with an insurance provider experienced in fuel transport to make sure your coverage matches your operation.

Building a Strategic Plan

Combine your regulatory groundwork with a clear plan for service area, target customers, equipment, and staffing so your launch timeline accounts for permitting and insurance lead times, not just equipment purchase.

General information, not legal advice - confirm requirements with your state authority and your insurance and legal advisors.

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